



CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL



A Message from the CIC Executive Director

February 2018 has been a busy and exciting month for the CIC.

- The CIC provided testimony for the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety's Roundtable on the Department of Corrections (DOC), as well as for the CIC's own performance hearing on February 15.
- CIC board members and I met with the new Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Mark Inch, and members of his leadership team to discuss issues facing DC residents in BOP custody and to explore more ways to house incarcerated DC residents in or near the District.
- The CIC Board Chair Charles Thornton and CIC staff met with DOC Director Quincy Booth and members of his leadership team to discuss ways in which the two agencies can improve their working relationship.

The CIC is working to obtain more information about conditions of confinement beyond merely conducting inspections, and it hopes to provide useful information to the District's decision-makers and corrections agencies beyond inspection reports. Participation in meetings and hearings such as these enable the CIC to both gain and share information to improve conditions of confinement and programming for incarcerated DC residents.

Michelle Bonner

ATWATER INSPECTION DATE UPDATE

At BOP's request, the CIC has rescheduled its onsite inspection of USP Atwater from February 21-22 to April 11-12, 2018. On this inspection, representatives from the CIC will tour the facility, evaluate programming, and speak with DC residents and staff as part of its mandate to inspect BOP facilities housing incarcerated DC residents.

USP Atwater currently houses about 33 men who were convicted of DC Criminal Code offenses.

The CIC has sent letters to incarcerated DC residents at the facility, requesting confidential

one-on-one interviews, and will aim to speak to each DC resident who is willing and available to meet with the CIC. If you have any information you would like to share about USP Atwater or the incarcerated DC men there, please [contact the CIC](#).



Recent CIC Testimony before the DC Council



The CIC had its performance oversight hearing before the Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety on February 15, 2018. At this hearing, Executive Director Michelle Bonner highlighted CIC's recent successes, challenges, plans for immediate future, and she answered questions posed by Committee Chairperson Charles Allen. A copy of Director Bonner's testimony can be found on the CIC website.

The CIC also testified at the combined Roundtable (rescheduled from Feb. 1, 2018) and Performance Hearing for the DC Department of Corrections (DOC). The CIC referred the Committee to the CIC's 2016 and 2017 reports on the DOC, and focused its oral testimony on the need of a new corrections facility and community involvement during the planning process, as well as the portal of entry.

To access [CIC written testimony](https://www.cic.dc.gov) for these and other public hearings, please visit [cic.dc.gov](https://www.cic.dc.gov).



Welcome Spring'18 Interns

The CIC employs interns from The Washington Center each semester to help us continue to provide you with information. This semester we have Ashley French who is working on her

High Point University and Eric Malloy
a senior Criminology major at Indiana
University of Pennsylvania. A warm
welcome to CIC interns, Ashley and
Eric!



Upcoming Events

CIC Open Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

6:00pm - 7:30 pm

Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ

(Ward 8)

Fellowship Hall

3845 South Capitol Street

Washington, DC 20032

Phone 202.562.5576

Future CIC Open Meeting dates include:

- * Thursday, June 7, 2018, ONSE, 100 42nd St NE
- * Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, location TBD
- * Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, location TBD

If you have any questions about this and other upcoming CIC events, please call
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